IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11 and ending at line 19, as follows.

--By constructing the fixing roller as an elastic surface roller, the surface of the fixing roller undergoes ~~an~~ elastic deformation, relative to the unfixed toner image on the recording material, corresponding to irregularities of such toner image and achieving a wrapping contact with the surface of the toner image, whereby an unfixed toner image ~~of~~ having a large toner amount can also be heat fixed in satisfactory manner.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 and ending at line 25, as follows.

--However, in a fixing roller equipped with an elastic layer, the elastic layer itself constitutes a heat insulating layer and there is encountered a drawback that the heat transfer efficiency ~~is deteriorated~~ deteriorates in cases where the ~~case a~~ heat source is provided inside the fixing roller.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22 and ending at page 6, line 11, as follows.

--As the fixing roller 201 is rotated to drive the film 221 of the pressurizing/heating apparatus 202 in a rotating motion, and as the plate-shaped heater 222 of the pressurizing/heating apparatus 202 and the plate-shaped heater 232 of the external heating

apparatus 203 are powered to control the heaters 222, 232 at the predetermined heater temperatures, the surface of the fixing 201 is heated by the heat of the plate-shaped heater 222 of the pressurizing/heating apparatus 202 across the film 221 at the fixing nip portion N4, and is also heated by the heat of the plate-shaped heater 232 of the external heating apparatus 203 at the heating nip portion N3, whereby the fixing roller 201 is heated to a predetermined surface temperature (fixing temperature) required for ~~heating~~ heat fixing the toner image.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 5 and ending at line 16, as follows.

--Then, at a predetermined timing, a recording material P is supplied by a pickup roller ~~111~~ 113 from a recording material cassette 112, and is introduced through a sheet path 116 into a secondary transfer nip portion where a secondary transfer roller 108b and the intermediate transfer belt 105 are mutually pressed, and a secondary transfer bias is applied at the same time to the secondary transfer roller 108b, whereby the aforementioned synthesized color toner image is collectively transferred from the intermediate transfer belt 105 onto the recording material P.--